Five boxes of Commission internal files, partly examined long ago 10/9/69

Johnson sent me word that I had gone over two of these boxes and had not gone over three of them. When Simmons was long delayed delivering them and other things I had asked for by phone and I went to that office, Johnson was there. Simmons, quite some time later, brought them materials to the search room.

The first two boxes are, "Akpahbetical files, Outgoing Mail", the first from A to Bos. The carbons are indistinct. I went through the very first (there are breakdowns within each letter of the alpahbet), the Bo on (nothing showing and letter to Abe Bolden in response to his), and the W file, from which I asked for several copies. Here the letters to the Dallas Radio-TV stations thanks them for the materials they made available, indicating the Commission did get their tapes.

The third box I am confident I went over in early 1968. It is from this box that copies I ordered were not made, to which Simmons apparently referred (se letter 10/8)

Box 4 is "Commission Staff, Memorande For the Record, List Circulars. It includes members and staff. The staff circulars are broken down 12/63 to 5/64 and 6/64 on.

Some I would have gotten (and did not take time to read) would have been just too costly in terms of what I felt could be expected, yet there is the possibility of consider able reward, especially in terms of staff knowledge not reflected in the report or deliberately withheld from it. Example, 76-page on by Ely on Oswald's life from birth to his discharge from the Marine Corps. There is another, not as long, on Oswald's biography.

Redlich 3/8, also O Post Russian, on how did the police know to go to 1026 as soon as they did (I have others on this, and the question is never answered, all possibilities proving there is no explanation (I intend this for Agent Oswald).

There is a long Ely ~~xxxx~~ memo on his phone conversations with Oswald's fellow marines. It is based on these, apparently, that he prepared affidavits for their signatures, a wierd way of investigating.

There is a 4/23/64 authorization to Liebeler, Jenner and Ely to take the following depositions, in many cases never done. Where there is an affidavit or deposition, the initials follow the names:

Peter Cassisi, Allen Felde, Donald Goodwin, Allen D. Graf (A), Edwin Donald Lewis (A), Daniel Powers (D), David C. Murray, Jr. (A), Paul Edward Murphy (A), Mack Osborne (A), Roseleen Quinn (listed as Culen), Henry J. Rouseel (A). This file also indicates that Osborne was in Grand Prairie, Texas, explanation enought for the tip on Thommley reaching Murcoch, about which I have other files. I am getting some.

When I get copies docs, I'll copy for Gary and Paul.